

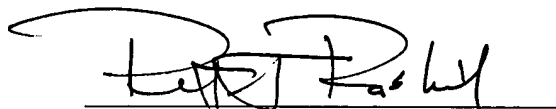
REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10 are amended.

It is respectfully submitted that at least the feature of a heatstake comprising first and second concentrically disposed shaft portions, the first shaft portion having a leading end and a length greater than the second shaft portion, a central passage extending through the first and second shaft portions, and a plurality of slots disposed about an outer surface of the second shaft portion having a predefined angular separation, the plurality of slots defining a plurality of fastening portions when the second shaft portion is deformed, wherein the first shaft portion applies pressure against the fastening portions of the second shaft portion when the first shaft portion is deformed, is not disclosed, taught or suggested in the prior art.

For at least this reason, Claims 1-10 define patentable subject matter. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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